Activity Type
Miming and speaking activity

Language Focus
Phrasal verbs

Aim
To guess phrasal verbs from mimes.

Preparation
Make one copy of the cards.

Level
Intermediate (A2-B1)

Time
25 minutes

Introduction
Here is a phrasal verbs miming game to help students review some commonly used phrasal verbs.

Procedure
Divide the class into two teams (A and B).

Ask a player from Team A to come to the front of the class.

Give the player a mime card and ask him or her to read out the introduction on the card, which tells the teams what information they are looking for, e.g. 'You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs'.

The player then performs the mime on the card.

Team A has two minutes to guess the information they are looking for.

If Team A does this successfully, they score two points.

If Team A hasn't guessed successfully after two minutes, Team B can try to answer for one point.

Afterwards, a student from Team B comes to the front of the class and so on.

This continues with teams taking it in turns to mime until all the cards have been used.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Some of the mimes are for two people. When two people are needed, it is indicated in the introduction on the card. In these cases, invite two players from the same team to come to the front of the class.

As an alternative, students can play the game in competing pairs or small teams.
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<td>You are checking in at an airport.</td>
<td>You are standing at a bus stop waiting for a bus.</td>
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<td>You are at a restaurant. You sit down and look at the menu.</td>
<td>It's your birthday! Blow out the candles on your birthday cake.</td>
<td>You are at a petrol station. You fill up your car and drive off without paying.</td>
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<td>You go into a cafe and see a friend sitting at one of the tables. Your friend looks sad. Go over and try to cheer him or her up.</td>
<td>You are working at a checkout in a supermarket. The barcode scanner breaks down. The customers get really angry. You try to calm them down.</td>
<td>You are on a park bench. It starts to rain. Do up your coat and put up your umbrella.</td>
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<td>You are reading a newspaper when you see a picture of your favourite film star. Cut the picture out and put it up on the wall.</td>
<td>You are in a clothes shop and you bump into an old friend.</td>
<td>You are at a train station, seeing your friend off. Your friend gets on the train and you wave goodbye.</td>
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